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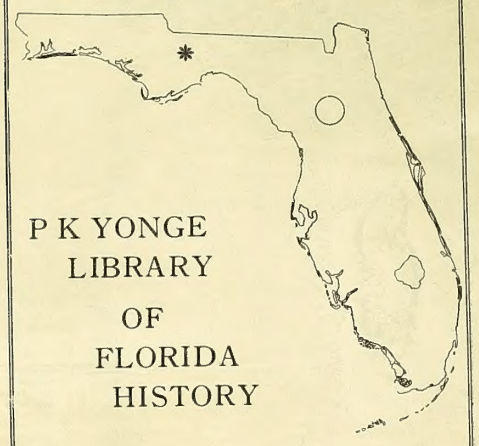

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3d Battalion - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT -

This Battalion was organized at Tampa, Florida, May 23, 1898, as part of the 1st Regiment, Florida Volunteer Infantry. On May 27th, in obedience to verbal orders of Major General Commanding 5th A. C., it marched from Fort Brooke Reservation to Palmetto Beach, a distance of about two miles. On July 25th, in compliance with orders Commanding General 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 4th Army Corps, camp was broken at Tampa, and the cars taken for Fernandina, a distance of 241 miles. On August 23d camp was broken at Fernandina in compliance with orders Commanding General, 4th Army Corps, and the cars taken for Huntsville, Alabama, a distance of 700 miles. On October 8th, the 1st and 2d Battalion were ordered mustered out of the service and proceeded to Tallahassee, Florida, leaving the Battalion as at present composed. On January 24, 1899, orders were received for its muster out, which was accomplished on January 27, 1899.

1st FLORIDA INFANTRY - OFFICERS:

Colonels: William F. Williams, Charles P. Lovel.

Lieut. Colonel: Irvin E. Webster.

Majors: Robert E. Davidson, John W. Sackett.

Adjutant: Frank A. Ross.

Surgeon: Dr. R. P. Isler.

COMPANY "A" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT:

This Company was organized at Ocala, Florida, May 24, 1884, under the name of Ocala Rifles; it was afterwards known as Company "A", 2d Battalion, Florida State Troops. When the United States called for

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troops to serve in the Spanish- American War, this Company was accepted by the Governor for service in the United States Volunteers. On April 26, 1898, they left Ocala by rail for Tampa, Florida, arrived the same day and went into camp at Fort Brooke, at which place the Company was mustered in May 20, 1898. Broke camp May 27, 1898, and marched to Camp DeSoto, Tampa, Florida, where it went into camp. June 30, 1898, broke camp and marched to Tampa Heights, going on duty with the United States Siege Artillery, commanded by Major Mills. Left Tampa by rail July 21, 1898, for Fernandina, arriving at camp July 22, 1898; remained there until August 1st, then left by rail for Huntsville, Alabama; arrived there August 23, 1898; left Huntsville October 3, 1898, arrived at Tallahassee October 11, 1898, to which place the Company had been ordered for the purpose of being mustered out of service. The Company was furloughed October 18, 1898, for thirty days. Company mustered out December 2, 1898.

COMPANY "A" - 1st FLORIDA INFANTRY - OFFICERS.

CAPTAIN - Robert L. Davidson, promoted Major, June 30, 1898.

" - Samuel M. Sibley, Jr., 1st Lieut. promoted Captain July, 1898, vice Davidson's promotion.

1st LIEUTENANT - Levie V. Roberts; 2d Lt. promoted 1st Lt. July 1, 1898.

2d " - Charles J. Villiers; transferred from Co. "F" to Co. "A" June, 1898.

COMPANY "B" - 1st FLORIDA INFANTRY:

This Company left Lecesburg, Florida, May 14, 1898, by order of Adjt. General Houston, of the State of Florida, for Tampa, to be mustered into the service of the United States. They arrived in Tampa the same date, camping at Fort Brooke, mustered into service of United States May 20, 1898. On May 27 broke camp, marched a distance of two miles to DeSoto Park and pitched camp; left DeSoto Park for Fernandina, Florida, by rail July 21, 1898; arrived in Fernandina, July 22d; marched one mile and pitched camp; left Fernandina, Florida, August 1st, 1898, for Huntsville

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Alabama; camped that night in streets of Tarrytown; left August and for Huntsville; arrived there August 16th; marched one and one-half miles pitched temporary camp in shelter tents, and On August 20th marched one mile to permanent camp. This Company transferred to the 2d Battalion to be retained in service September 20, 1898; mustered out by service January 27, 1899.

Company "F" - 1st Florida REGIMENT - OFFICERS:

Captain - George A. Lovell; promoted to Colonel of Reg. July 21-'98

1st Lieutenant - Joseph C. Cox.

" - Augustus E. Hart; transferred from Co. "A" Oct.3,'98.

2d " - Joseph R. Cunningham.

COMPANY "G" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT:

This Company was organized in Orlando, Florida, and left there by rail May 14, 1898, for Tampa, a distance of 93 miles; arrived there May 14th and pitched camp at Fort Brooke, Florida; was mustered in there May 31, 1898; broke camp and marched to Depot Park and pitched camp May 27; moved with Regiment on July 31 from Tampa to Fernandina, Florida, by rail, a distance of at least 340 miles. Arrived at Fernandina July 31st, pitched camp there same date; broke camp Aug and at about noon of August 2nd, and marched into town, a distance of one mile, about 6 p.m. same date, and bivouacked in streets until noon of August 5th, when they left by rail for Huntsville, Alabama, which latter place was reached about 11 a. m. August 6th; distance traveled about 600 miles via Callahan, Florida, Jacksonville, Macon, Atlanta, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tenn.; pitched temporary camp August 6th. On August 16th marched about one mile and pitched permanent camp, distance about one mile and a half from town. Broke camp at Huntsville October 3, and departed from there at 6:45 p. m. same date by rail via Chattanooga, Tennessee, Atlanta, Macon, Albany and Jacksonville, Georgia, and Monticello, Florida, for Tallahassee, a distance of about

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five hundred miles; went into bivouac [illegible] October 11, 1898, and pitched camp in Thaxton's Grove, distant about one mile from town. Mustered out December 3, 1898.

COMPANY "C" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT - OFFICERS:

Captain - John T. Bradshaw

1st. Lieuts. - Augustus C. Hart; Transferred as 1st Lieut. to Co. "K", Special Order No. 136.

- Joseph A. West ; Transferred from Co. "K" as 1st Lieut. Oct. 10, 1898, Special Order No. 130.

2d " - Frank [illegible] Schuller; appointed 1st Lieut. and Regimental Quartermaster June 8, 1898; appointed Captain and Regimental Quartermaster September 10, 1898.

- Charles L. Boswell; 1st Sergeant; appointed 2d Lieut. July 1, 1898.

COMPANY "D" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT.

This company was organized at Palatka, Florida, by 1st Lieut. [illegible]. The company proceeded to Tampa, May 15, 1898, a distance of one hundred and ninety miles, per order of Governor Bloxham. Went into camp of instruction on Port Brooke Reservation May 16th, mustered into service of the United States May 30th; broke camp May 17th, and marched to DeSoto Park, a distance of about three miles, with regiment, per order of Major-General Shafter. In camp of instruction at DeSoto Park from May 17th to July 31st; broke camp at DeSoto Park, and proceeded to Fernandina, with regiment by rail, July 31st, per order of Secretary of War. In camp with regiment at Fernandina from July 31st to August 23d; broke camp at Fernandina August 23d, and proceeded to Huntsville, Alabama, with regiment, by rail, a distance of about seven hundred miles; arrived at Huntsville August 26th, and went into temporary camp in City of Huntsville

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until August 26th; transfe into permanent camp about two miles from the city, where the company remained until mustered out of service of the United States January 27, 1899.

Company "D" - 1st Florida Regiment - OFFICERS:

Captain - William L. Russon.

1st Lieut. - David ---. Hanauer.

2d " - John . Lancaster; Transferred from Co. "I" Oct. 22d,'98.

- Charles E. Willard; Transferred to Co. "A", 1st Fla.

- Volunteers Infty., October 10, 1898.

Company "E" - 1st Florida Infantry:

This Company was organized in Jacksonville, Florida, and left there by rail May 14, 1898, for Tampa, a distance of 218 miles; arrived there May 15th, and pitched camp at Fort Brooke, Tampa, Florida, and was mustered in there May 23d; broke camp, and marched to DeSoto Park, Florida, where they pitched camp on May 27th, moved with Regiment on July 21st from Tampa to Fernandina by rail, a distance of about 480 miles; arrived at Fernandina July 23d, and pitched camp there same date; broke camp with the Regiment at Fernandina about noon of August 23d, and marched into town, a distance of one mile, about 6 p.m. same date and bivouacked in streets until noon of August 24th, when they left by rail for Huntsville, which latter place was reached about 2 a. m. August 26th; distance traveled about 600 miles, via Callahan, Florida, Augusta, Macon and Atlanta, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and pitched temporary camp August 26th. On August 28th marched about one mile and pitched permanent camp, distance of about one mile and a half from town. On September 5th, broke camp about 7 a. m. and marched into Huntsville, distance of about one and one-half miles and pitched camp in a locality known as "Calhoun Grove," relieving Company "D" 6th Maryland Volunteers Infantry, as Provost Guard; broke camp October 6th and returned to Regiment; broke camp at

Huntsville October 9th, and at noon from there at 0:30 p. m. came into by rail via Chattanooga, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., Albany and Thomasville, Georgia, and Monticello, Florida, for Tallahassee, a distance of about 400 miles, which latter place was reached at 8:00 a.m. on October 11, 1898, and pitched camp in "Governor's Grove" - distance about one mile from town. Mustered out December 3, 1898.

COMPANY "F" -1st [illegible] INFANTRY - Officers

Captain - John [illegible] Maxwell.

1st Lieut - Braxton B. McDonnell

2d " - George M. Weldon.

COMPANY "F" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT.

This Company was organized in Jacksonville, Florida, left there at 3 o'clock p. m. May 10, 1898, traveling thence by rail to Tampa, Fla., a distance of about 213 miles; reached destination at 7 o'clock a. m. May 11th; went into camp at Fort Brooke, at which place it was mustered into the service of the United States on May 13th by Captain Woodruff, mustering officer. Broke camp May 27th and marched to Palmetto Beach, a distance of two miles, where it went into camp; broke camp at Palmetto Beach at 3 o'clock p. m. July 31st, and traveled thence by rail to Fernandina, a distance of 600 miles, arriving at their destination at 7:30 o'clock a. m. July 32d; broke camp at Fernandina on the afternoon of August 22d, and marched in the streets that night; took cars for Huntsville, Alabama, at noon August 23d; arrived at Huntsville, a distance of about 600 miles, at 2 o'clock p. m. on August 25th, going into temporary camp on the evening of same date, and marched to permanent camp on the morning of August 26th, a distance of one mile. Mustered out of service at Huntsville, Alabama, January 24, 1899.

Company "F" - 1st Florida Regiment - [illegible]:

Captain - James F. Wilson.

1st Lieut. - Charles P. Chestnut; transferred to Co. "F" 1st Lt. Le-
- lers, detailed as battalion adjutant Nov. 17, 1898.
- John M. Stephens; transferred from Brigade Quartermaster
- to Adjutant, October 1, 1898. died at Savannah [illegible].
- 27, 1898.

2d - Thomas C. Watts; sergeant, promoted to 2d Lieut.

Company "I" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT

This Company was organized at St. Augustine, Florida, and left there by rail May 11, 1898, for Tampa, a distance of 360 miles; arrived there May 13, and pitched camp at Port Brooke at Tampa, Florida. The Company was mustered in there May 25, 1898 broke camp and marched to Delcito Park, Tampa, where they pitched camp May 27th; moved with regiment July 31st, from Tampa to Fernandina by rail, a distance of 240 miles, and arrived at Fernandina July 31st, pitched camp there the next day; moved with regiment August 23d by rail, to Quitmanville, Georgia, which place was reached August 25th, distance traveled about 600 miles; pitched temporary camp August 26th in rubber of Quitmanville August 4th; marched about one mile and pitched permanent camp about one and one-half miles from here, where the Company was mustered out January 27, 1899.

Company "I" - 1st FLORIDA REGIMENT - OFFICERS:

Captain - Frank J. Hewitt; enlisted as 1st Lt., appointed Capt. May 18, 1898.

1st Lieut. - J. Clifford H. Foster; 2d Lieut. appointed 1st Lieut. May 18, 1898; Quartermaster 2d Battalion, 1st Florida Volunteers Infty. October 10, 1898, per special order No. 3.

2d - Ernest H. Hewitt, 1st Sergeant, appointed 2d Lt. May 18-'98

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COMPANY "H" - 1st FLORIDA INFT.

This company was originally organized as the "Seminole Rifles" in 1873, and was thereafter known as "Company 'A' 2d Battalion, Florida State Troops." It was called by the Governor of Florida into the service of the United States Volunteer Army May, 1898, ordered to rendezvous at Tampa, Florida. Left Pensacola on May 1st, 1898, arrived May 14th, and went into camp at Fort Brooke. Mustered into the service of the United States Volunteers, May 23, 1898, broke camp May 27th, proceeded to Palmetto Beach, broke camp there on July 31st, going to Jacksonia, arriving there July 3rd; left on August 1st, going to Huntsville, Alabama, arriving there August 6th; broke camp October 9th, proceeding to Tallahassee, Florida, arriving there on October 11th, where all men were treated a thirty day furlough, preparatory to mustering out.

COMPANY "H" - 1st FLORIDA INFT. OFFICERS:

Captain - Richard M. Bushnell, Resigned.

- Robert L. Dodd, 1st Lt., promoted Captain Co. C, '98.

1st Lieut. - John Whiting Ryer, 2d Lieut. promoted 1st Lieut.

2d " - Robert B. Turnie; Resigned; promoted 2d Lt. Nov.23,'98.

COMPANY "I" - [illegible]

This company was organized at Pensacola, Florida, August, 1898, under the name of the "Thirty Eight Infantry," afterwards known as Company "I" - 2d Battalion, Florida State Troops. It was accepted by the Governor for service in the United States Volunteers on May 1,1898. Left Pensacola May 13, 1898, by rail for Tampa, arrived there May 14th and went into camp at Fort Brooke, at which place the Company was mustered in May 23d. Broke camp May 27th, and marched to Palatka Park, Tampa, Florida, where it went into camp June 30th, broke camp and marched to Tampa Heights, going on duty with the United States Siege Artillery Train under Col. Mills, U. S. A. Left Tampa by rail July 31st, for Jacksonville.

Arrived in camp July 22d, and remained until August 23d, when the company left by rail for Huntsville, Alabama, arrived in camp at that place August 24th; left Huntsville October 9th, for Tallahassee, Florida, overland to which it marched; arrived at that place October 11, 1898. October 16th the Company was furloughed for thirty days, leaving a detachment in camp guarding Government property. Returned to Tallahassee November 14th for the final examination and muster out.

Company "I" - 1st [illegible] - Infantry.

Captain - Richard H. Cary, Jr.

1st Lieut. - Edward Fox.

2d " - Benjamin W. Robinson.

Company "K" - 1st [illegible] Artillery.

This company was enrolled at Quincy, Florida, by Capt. Williamson April 26, 1898, was ordered to rendezvous at Tampa, Florida, by Governor Bloxham, left Quincy by rail May 13th for Tampa, arrived there May 14th, distance traveled being about 400 miles; went into camp and mustered into the service of the United States May 17, 1898, by Capt. Thomas J. Woodruff, U. S. A. Moved camp to Palmetto beach May 27th, distance marched about 8 miles. The Company was attached to the provisional battalion and ordered to join Brigadier-General Rogers, Chief of the Artillery, as escort to the Light Artillery. Broke camp June 26th, and marched a distance of two miles to Camp Rogers, where camp was pitched. Ordered to rejoin 1st Regiment of the Florida Volunteer Infantry, moved camp from Camp Rogers, Ybor City, to Camp Davidson, Ybor City, July 14th, distance marched being one third mile. Changed station from Camp Davidson, Ybor City, to Camp Cuba, Jacksonville, Florida, July 23d, distance traveled about two miles. Broke camp at Jacksonville the night of August 22d, bivouacked in streets of Jacksonville until 3:30 p.m. August 23d, then boarded the train for Huntsville, Alabama. Arrived in Huntsville at 3:30 p. m., bivouacked on account the night of August 30th, pitched camp in the morning at Camp

Hosler, Alabama. Left Huntsville, October 9, for Tallahassee, Florida, for the purpose of being mustered out of service. Company furloughed October 15, 1898 for thirty days.

[illegible] - 1st [illegible] - [illegible]:

Captain - [illegible].

1st Lieut. - [illegible].

2d " - Harry McFarlin, Resigned Aug. 1, 1898.

" - [illegible], 1st Sergeant, appointed 2d Lt. Aug 1,'98.

[illegible] - 1st [illegible].

This company was organized in 1891 at Live Oak, Florida, as the "Suwannee Rifles," and at the time of mustering into the United States service was known as the Florida State Troops as "Company "A" 4th Battalion." It was accepted by the Governor of the State for the United States service in the Spanish-American War on April 6th, 1898. This Company left Live Oak for Tampa, Florida, May 11, 1898, arriving there May 13th, and went into camp on the old Government Reserve then known as the "Barracks," at which place it was mustered into the United States service on May 20, 1898, broke camp at the "Barracks," May 27th, and moved into camp at Peacock Park at Tampa, Florida on the same day. June 3rd the Company was detached from the Regiment at Fort Brooke Camp, and marched to Tampa Heights, going into the service in the United States Siege Artillery Train under Col. Ellis, U. S. A. In July, it was again attached to the Regiment, broke camp at Tampa Heights July 21st, and left Tampa by Rail for Jacksonville, arrived and went into camp at Jacksonville July 22d, broke camp at Jacksonville August 3rd, and left by rail for Huntsville, Alabama, August 4th, arrived and went into camp at that place August 6th, where it remained until October 9th, then it moved to Tallahassee, preparatory to being mustered out of service, arrived October 11th. October 15th the Company was given furlough for thirty days, several Non-Commis

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purpose of being regularly mustered out.

[illegible] "L" - 1st [illegible] - [illegible]:

Captain - Willis L. Weather

1st Lieut - S. H. Permenlin, Resigned August 27, 1898.

- Willis E. Lyle, 2d Lieut., Appointed 1st Lt. Sept. 2, 1898.

2d " - Archer M. Hayes, appointed Sergeant May 24, elected 2d Lt. Sept. 2, 1898.

[illegible] "M" - 1st [illegible]:

This company was organized at Starke, Florida, June 17, 1898, and was known as the "Bradford County Guards." It was enlisted into the Florida State Troops as Company "M" 1st Battalion April 14, 1898, later transferred to the 6th Battalion Florida State Troops, volunteered its services and was accepted by Governor Willian S. Bloxham April 14, 1898. Moved from Starke to Tampa, Florida, 104 miles distant, where it arrived via the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad on May 2d. Pitched camp on the Morrison Reservation in the City of Tampa, there it was mustered into the service of the United States on May 14, 1898, by Major Samuel B. Pettruff, U. S. A. Broke camp May 27 at 7 a. m., and moved to Palmetto Beach, 8 miles East of Tampa, there it pitched camp and remained until July 3d, broke camp August 24th and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, there it arrived July 26th, at 9 a. m., and pitched camp one mile East of the City. Broke camp August 6th, at 2 p. m., marched to the City at 7 p. m., where it bivouacked in the streets until noon August 8th, when it departed by rail for Huntsville, Alabama, where it arrived at 5 a. m. August 25th, pitched camp two miles East of the City, remaining there until 9 a. m. August 26th, when it moved to a permanent camp one and one-half miles Northeast of the City, broke camp at noon October 8th and moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where it arrived at 9 a. m. October 11th, 1898, and where it was camped in Bowden Grove until mustered out of service.

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[illegible] - 3 Artillery - 1st [illegible]

[illegible] - 1st Florida Infantry - Official

Captain - Eugene J. Matthews.

1st Lieut. - [illegible] T. [illegible].

2d " - George W. Livingston.

COMPANY	OFFICERS	MEN	TOTAL
A	4	114	118
B	4	114	118
C	3	128	131
D	4	120	124
E	3	119	122
F	4	131	135
G	3	122	125
H	4	115	119
I	3	119	122
K	1	95	99
L	4	109	113
M	3	125	128
	45	1,420	1,465
2d U. S. Volunteer Inf	6	101	107
2d Batt. 1st Fla. Staff	20		20
2d Bat. 1st Fla. Band		21	21
TOTAL ----------	71	1,542	1,613

[illegible]: [illegible] in the Seminole Indian, Civil and Spanish-American Wars.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS (Local)
General Edward Anderson Camp No. 4,
220 East Monroe-sts.,
Jacksonville, Florida.

The local Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans was organized July 22, 1911, and is named of Major Thomas H. Rochruff, of the United States Army, who was prominently connected with the Spanish-American War and to whom fell the duty of mustering into service the volunteer troops, it was named the "Major Thomas H. Rochruff Camp No. 4." The charter members numbered fifty-four.

In the years that have passed since then, the highest membership recorded is 267. The present membership is 134. Meetings are held in the building at 220 East Monroe-st., on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

On February 6, 1934, the name of the camp was changed to "General Edward Anderson Camp No. 4," in honor of the late General Edward Anderson, a Spanish War Veteran and Department Commander in 1911, who did more much for the organization and its members in Florida.

Of him, Mr. T. F. Adair, Junior past Department Commander, says: "Edward Anderson was a native of South Carolina, of the historic city of Charleston. He was educated at the famous "Citadel," and was every inch a soldier. As an example of his leadership and qualifications, he was Brigadier-General of the South Carolina State troops when he was only 25 years of age.

"After the trouble with Spain was over, he came to Florida and was associated with the Florida National Guards, in which organization he was a General. He was an artillery officer in the Spanish-American war, and I served in his battery. At the beginning of the World War, he enlisted

the draft of clerks soldiers, later forming a company of which he was the captain, and saw service in France.

"He did much outstanding work for the Spanish-American war veterans and their families throughout the state, as well as building up the local camp, and was so greatly beloved that the local group honored his memory by changing the name of their camp after his death in 1954. He is buried in Arlington in the national cemetery among the other great soldiers of the nation." H. C. Crawford is the present Commander.

The local auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans, made up of women relatives, was organized on August 23, 1943, with a charter membership of ten, and Mrs. Walter Haley as President. She served three years in this capacity.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanna is the present executive officer of the ladies' auxiliary and Mrs. H. C. Crawford is historian. The active membership is now thirty-eight.

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ORGANIZATION of UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

E. F. Adair, Junior Department Commander,

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Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. E. F. Adair, of Jacksonville, is Junior Dept Commander of the Florida Department of United Spanish War Veterans, having been succeeded at the State Convention in Ocala, on June 16, 1936, by Mr. O. R. Read, of Avon Park, news of whose death at his home there today was just been received.

Mr. Adair says: "The Spanish-American War really covered a period of several years, from April 24, 1898, until May, 1902, and included the occupation of Cuba by the U. S., the Philippine insurrection, and the Boxer Outbreak in China.

"At the close of these hostilities, many organizations made up of the American sailors participating sprung up - The Spanish War Veterans, The Spanish American War Veterans, the Service Men of the Spanish Wars, the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, and the Veteran Army of the Philippines- but on January 1, 1903, at a convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, all these organizations were merged into one - "THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS" by which name they are nationally chartered.

"There is a Branch in each State known as "Departments." Florida has thirty- chartered Camps at present, as follows:

"No. 1 - (Now defunct)

"No. 2 - Joe Wheeler Camp, Tampa.

"No. 3 - William Hasson Camp, Palatka.

"No. 4 - General Edward Anderson Camp, Jacksonville. (First organized as the Major Bostrum Camp, in 1911, but disbanded).

"No. 5 - Cecilia Camp, Key West.

(Nos. 6 and 7 disbanded).

"No. 8 - Lockard Wood Camp, St. Petersburg.

" No.9 - A. F. Williams Camp, Pensacola.

"No.10 - John J. Pershing Camp, Miami.

"No.11 - Fitzhugh Lee Camp, Ocala.

"No.12 - Capt. Frank J. Hewart, St. Augustine.

"No. 13 -Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Sanford.

"No.14 - William L. Compton, West Palm Beach.

"No.15 - General Lawton, Daytona Beach.

"No.16 - Gen. Arthur MacArthur, Fort Myers.

"No. 17- Maj. John D. Worrell, Fort Lauderdale.

"No.18 - Col. Charles F. Lovell, Orlando.

"No.19 - Roy L. Gaines, Sarasota.

"No20 - Richmond P. Hobson Camp., Avon Park.

"No.21 - Albert W. Gilchrist Camp, Eustis.

"No. 22 - Frederick Funston Camp, St. Cloud.

"No. 23 - William McKinley, Camp, Lakeland.

"No. 24 - Miles-Dewey Camp, New Smyrna.

"No.25 - General Charles A. Somerall Camp, DeLand.

"No.26 - John Stone Camp, Leesburg.

"No.27 - Gen. J. Clifford Foster, Fort Pierce.

"No. 28- Dr. A. C. Von Duhm Camp, Lake City.

(No. 29 disbanded)

"No.30 - Capt. A. T. Williamson Camp, Quincy.

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"No.33 - Helen Gould Camp, Miami.

"No.34 - William L. Grayson Camp, Melbourne.
"No.35 - Pasco Camp, Zephyrhills.
"No.36 - Wauchula Camp, Wauchula.

TOTAL - 30 Camps. (active)

"The membership in these camps totals approximately 6,000 Veterans. The Leonard Wood Camp No. 8, at St. Petersburg, has on its rolls a member from each State in the Union.

"We are banded together for mutual service and welfare, our efforts being embodied in the words of the immortal Lincoln - "To care for him who has borne the battle and for his widow and orphans."

"We preach loyalty on any and all occasions. During my term as Department Commander, we made an effort to impress upon the schoolchildren the need for loyalty to our flag, our laws and our country, and presented prizes for their adherence to the following CREED -

'Americanism is an unfailing love of country and loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.'

"Our staff at present includes the following State Officers: Senior Vice Department Commander, W. S. Hankins, Kissimmee; Junior Vice Department Commander, F. H. Marshall, Fort Lauderdale; Adjutant, J. C. Chenoweth, St. Petersburg; Chief of Staff, Sterling Phillips, Tampa, and a full complement of appointive officers to carry on its work in the State."

Regarding the 4th Regiment U. S. Volunteer Infantry, which local records show sailed from Pensacola for Cuba on October 10th, Mr. Adair says:

"The membership of this Regiment was drawn from all Companies in Florida, and consisted of men who had experienced yellow fever, typhoid fever, small pox, and had recovered, or shown themselves as immune to these diseases, and therefore considered as best conditioned to with-

stand unsanitary conditions and pestilences prevailing in Cuba. The Regiment mobilized at Ocala, and was under command of Col. Ray, of Macon, Ga.

"All service was volunteer. When war was declared on April 25, 1898, and President McKinley called for volunteers, allotments were according to population. Thus Florida was entitled to only one Regiment, while South Carolina, having a larger population, was allowed two Regiments.

"In all the states there were the Militia, or National Guards. In my native City of Charleston, South Carolina, there were the Charleston Guards, the Washington Light Infantry, the Sumter Guards, the Montgomery Guards, the Carolinas, the General Hussars, the Charleston Dragoons, etc., all of which volunteered their services, as well as the U. S. Regulars who took part - not a man was asked to go, and none were drafted - they were all in service because they asked to be mustered in. The United States Army of Occupation in Cuba and all regiments engaged were a 100% Volunteer Army, not a man was there against his will.

"History shows that even in Biblical times, men were conscripted for war duty, and in all the wars in which our country has been engaged, soldiers were drafted or asked to enlist, hence the Spanish-American war is unique in its totality of Volunteer service.

"When terms of peace were signed with Spain regarding Cuba on December 14, 1898, in Providence, Rhode Island, I immediately enlisted in the 41st Infantry known as the "Provincial Regiment", of South Carolina, and we sailed from New York for the Philippines where we saw twenty-six months service, before the Philippine insurrection was quelled. Ours was the only regiment to carry the United States flag around the world and plant it on Philippine soil. All other embarkations were from San Francisco, California.

"The present National Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans is Robert [illegible]. Cain, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"The first Department was organized in 1911, and the first Department Commander was D. [illegible]. Rhea, of Tampa, 1911-1913.

1913 - No. 2 - John W. Beckett , Jacksonville, (Deceased)
1914 - 3 - W. A. Geoughin, Tampa, "
1915 - 4 - Edward Andersen, Jacksonville, "
1916 - 5 - H. L. Cowart, Tampa, "
1917 - 6 - John O'Donoghue, Tampa "
1918 - 7 - Albert W. Gilchrist, Arcadia, "
1919 - 8 - George E. Spencer, Jacksonville, "
1920 - 9 - R. M. Carey, Pensacola, "
1921 - 10 - Peter T. Bartlett, Miami, "
1922 - 11 - Frank Dale, Key West, "
1923 - 12 - R. A. Terhoun, Sanford, "
1924 - 13 - Harvey M. Payne, Jacksonville, "
1925 - 14 - W. L. Yorke, West Palm Beach, "
1926 - 15 - W. J. Bullard, Altamont Springs, "
1927 - 16 - George A. Lane, Miami, "
1928 - 17 - H. I. Weil, Tampa, "
1929 - 18 - J. W. Green, West Palm Beach, "
1930 - 19 - Edwin Murphy, St. Petersburg, "
1931 - 20 - A. J. Becker, Jacksonville, "
1932 - 21 - Frank P. Burch, DeSoto City, "
1933 - 22 - Thomas H. Buds, St. Petersburg, "
1934 - 23 - Thomas M. Herrick, DeLand "
1935 - 24 - W. F. Adair, Jacksonville, "
1936 - 25 - Charles H. Head, Avon Park, (Deceased July 11, 19360.

Mr. Blair has been appointed by Governor Dave Sholtz as one of five members from Florida of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, which on September 17, 1937, will observe the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States.

One of the important activities of the Commission is a plan to provide libraries thruout the nation with authentic reproductions of the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence for exhibition purposes. It is planned to construct a suitable case or shrine, which may be purchased at minimum cost, in which libraries may display these reproductions. Thru this medium school children and adults in all, throughout the United States may see copies of these great documents encased in dignified form. Each city and town may have a permanent shrine commemorating the history and tradition of America.

An educational campaign in connection will also be carried on by the U. S. Department of Education, one few are of which will be the issuance of an outline of study on the Constitution, with developed units which may be used by teachers and students in schools of every type throughout the country.

Also, the Vocational schools may construct the shrines from plans furnished by the Government for framing the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

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